GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:174
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2008
RELOCATION OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FROM WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES
Gandhi Smt. Maneka;Rajendran Shri P.

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for relocation of human settlements from wildlife sanctuaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has allocated any funds for the relocation of families from wildlife sanctuaries during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 174 DUE FOR REPLY ON 10.12.2008 REGARDING `RELOCATION OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FROM WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES" BY SHRI P. RAJENDRAN AND SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI.

(a), (b) Yes, Sir. Under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes - "Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries", "Project Tiger" and `Project Elephant`, Central Government provides financial assistance to State/ UT Governments for various activities aimed at wildlife conservation including relocation of villages from Tiger Reserves, Elephant Reserves, National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries. Such proposals of the State/UT Governments are processed by the Ministry subject to the availability of funds and fulfillment of necessary procedural requirements.Currently the package for relocation under these Schemes is upto Rs.10.00 lakh per family.

(c) & (d) The details of financial assistance released by the Central Government for relocation of families from Tiger Reserves, Elephant Reserves, National Parks and Wildlfie Sanctuaries during the last three years and the current financial year under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes − `Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries`, `Project Tiger` and `Project Elephant` is at Annexure.